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15 October 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : The Austin Papers - II

1. General Schulz today held a second meeting of his interagency group on the declassification problem.

2. Since our meeting Friday, he had received another memo from Mr. Haldeman calling for the assignment of several State and Defense officers (including Bromley Smith) to begin work in Austin (see attached copy). As was evident in Mr. Haldeman's earlier memo, the White House wants quick action in response to the proposals made by President Johnson's staff.

3. You will note that this memo, like the earlier one, makes no reference to Agency personnel or documents. Action is requested from State and Defense only.

4. General Schulz is putting the finishing touches on the "progress report" he was asked to make by 17 October. He will try to be as forthcoming as possible, while pointing out the enormous security, financial, and personnel problems posed by the Johnson proposal.

5. I plan to return to Austin tomorrow (16 October) to continue to screen the Tuesday lunch and other sensitive files as well as to offer whatever informal advice I can. General Schulz understands that I will be working on material for the Johnson publishing ventures, not on the longer range declassification project. He has no objection to my returning before further action by him, and feels it may help in the "educating" process. I made clear

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that I would not undertake to represent the group's views, but would let him do that when he discusses the problems of formal declassification with the people in Austin.



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Date: Mon. October 13, 1969

Time: 3:30 P.M.

FOR ACTION: General Schulz

cc (for information):

Col. Hughes

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Tues. October 14, 1969 *21 (perkins, Mrs)*

Time: 2:00 P.M.

SUBJECT:

Staffing of the Johnson Library.

ACTION REQUESTED:

☒ For Necessary Action

☐ For Your Recommendations

☐ Prepare Agenda and Brief

☐ Draft Reply

☐ For Your Comments

☐ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please submit to the office of the Staff Secretary a report on what actions were taken to comply with the attached request.

On file NSC release instructions apply.

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PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting this report, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

JNR
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 10, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCHULZ

I spoke with Tom Johnson this morning and wanted to report our conversation so that there is no misunderstanding as to how we are to proceed with regard to the Johnson Library.

1. Department of Defense. General Schulz is to request Lieutenant Colonel Osato be detailed to the Library immediately to begin work on declassification. We should wait on the other two individuals that were requested from Defense in my memorandum of October 7 until they are requested by the Johnson staff. In the meantime, General Schulz will request of DOD that the biographies and background of two proposed candidates be sent to the Library. Should these biographies and files be acceptable to President Johnson, DOD will detail the people at the time they are requested by the Library. If not, Defense should send the files of additional nominees to the Library for approval.

2. State Department. The Library has requested that Mr. Bromley Smith be assigned as the Project Officer at the Library to coordinate affairs with State. General Schulz will follow up on this. We should wait on sending the other two individuals requested in my memorandum of October 7, but forward biographies and files of proposed candidates to the Library for approval.

3. The Johnson staff has requested that Juanita Roberts, currently at the Defense Department, be assigned as the Project Officer to screen the 30 million Presidential papers of the President. At the appropriate time, President Johnson's staff will request additional people to assist in this project.

If there are any problems regarding any of the specific individuals named above, General Schulz should contact Tom Johnson to work out suitable substitutes.

General Schulz will be the White House contact and project officer. All inquiries should be coordinated through his office.

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Would you please follow up on all the above matters as quickly as possible. Please keep Tom Johnson and me fully posted on progress.



H. R. HALDEMAN

cc: Tom Johnson
Colonel Hughes